A Campus Walking Tour

George Washington University
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Your walking tour of GW will last approximately 45 minutes to one hour. Please feel free to enter University buildings mentioned in the tour; however, we ask that you do not visit classes in progress or residence halls without prearrangement with the Admissions Office. If you tour the interior of buildings, your tour may last longer than one hour.

1. RICE HALL

You are now in Rice Hall, the University's central administration building which contains the offices of the President, the Registrar, Admissions, Student Financial Aid, Housing, and numerous other offices. The building is named for Luther Rice who was instrumental in founding the University in 1821 as the Columbian College.

Directions:
On leaving Rice Hall, turn right and proceed one-half block to the corner of 22nd and Eye Streets. You will note the construction on your left, site of the new Academic Cluster which will house the music and art departments, classrooms, faculty offices, and parking. Completion date is scheduled for late 1981.

2. 22ND AND EYE (I) STREETS

Northward and to your right, the tall building at the end of the block is the Burns Memorial Building which contains the University's Medical Faculty Associates and the Student Health Service. The Health Service provides general out-patient care to students by appointment, Monday through Friday, and on a first-come, first-served basis during evening and weekend hours.

Directly in front of you is GW's University Hospital, a $57 million Medical Center, one of the most up-to-date in the nation.

Directions:
Proceed across 22nd Street and go one block to the intersection of 23rd and Eye Streets.

3. 23RD AND EYE STREETS

You are facing University Mall. Note the GW-Foggy Bottom Metro (subway) station. From this station, you can conveniently reach points in downtown Washington and the suburbs, as well as National Airport and Union Station.

Next to the Mall is Ross Hall which houses the School of Medicine and Health Sciences and the Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library.

Directions:
Cross Eye Street and walk southward on 23rd Street toward the Lincoln Memorial which you can see in the distance. On your left are Milton and Munson Halls, currently being converted to undergraduate residence halls, and then Building K which is the center for Human Kinetics and Leisure Studies (physical education and dance). At the corner of 23rd and H Streets, you will see on your left the Everglades, an apartment residence for undergraduate students.

Crossing H Street and proceeding along 23rd, you will pass on your left Tompkins Hall, location of the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

4. 23RD AND G STREETS

Looking west on G Street, you will see the Watergate complex a few blocks away. Located next to Watergate is the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts where you can obtain student tickets at discount rates.

To your left is Building C (2201 G Street), a major classroom building which also contains faculty offices. Many department offices are located here, including political science and education.

Directions:
Cross G Street and go east on G Street toward 22nd Street.

5. 22ND AND G STREETS

The Smith Center for Physical Education and Athletics, on your right, contains basketball, volleyball, handball, squash, and badminton courts, a jogging area, gymnasiums for wrestling and gymnastics, a weight room, swimming pool, and sauna. Any registered student may use this facility. The Smith Center is also headquarters for a large intramural program and for intercollegiate athletics for men and women.

Directions:
Cross G Street and proceed northward on 22nd Street toward H Street.

6. 22ND AND H STREETS

On your left is Madison Hall, an undergraduate residence hall with space for 224 men and women. Each room has a private bath, and each floor has a small kitchen. Room arrangements include doubles, triples, and suites for four and six persons.

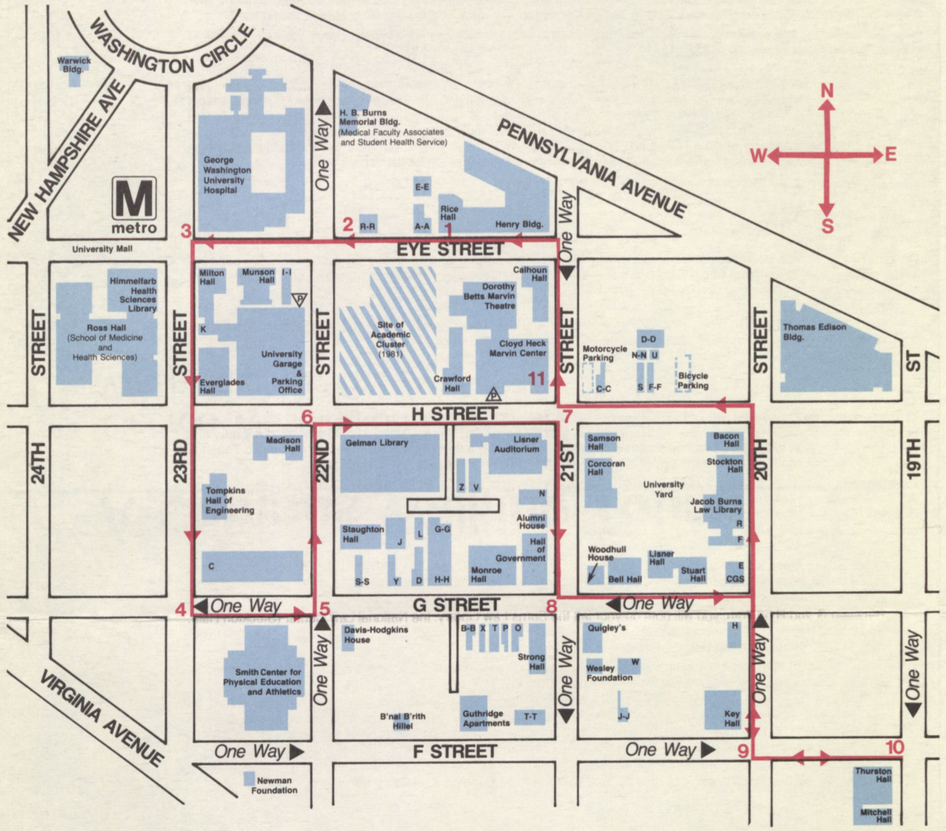
On your right is the Melvin Gelman Library, the general library for the University and one of the four GW libraries: Sino-Soviet, Law, Medicine, and University. The collections contain approximately 800,000 volumes, to which are added some 40,000 volumes each year. The libraries currently receive about 8,000 serials. Interlibrary loans are maintained with other libraries in the city and throughout the United States. Gelman Library has open stacks. (Within two miles of GW, we estimate there are 150 libraries, including the Library of Congress.)

On the corner opposite the Library is the University Garage. Overnight parking for residence hall students is available at this and other University parking facilities at a specified rate. Commuting students may also purchase daily student parking tickets for the University Garage and other University parking areas. Our advice, however, is that you use the convenient Metro subway and bus lines, leaving your car at home.

Directions:
Cross 22nd Street and proceed along H Street in front of Gelman Library toward 21st Street.

On your left, next to the Academic Cluster construction site, is Crawford Hall, a residence hall open to sophomore, junior, and senior men and women. Each room and suite has its own bath facility.

On your right, you will notice an orange security phone, one of many placed throughout the campus. In the event of an emergency, you need only lift the phone to summon immediate assistance.



7. 21ST AND H STREETS

On your right you will see Lisner Auditorium. One of the city's important theatres, this 1,500 seat facility hosts cultural events including those presented by the University and by the Washington Performing Arts Society, Washington Civic Opera, Washington Ballet, and many top-name performers. The building also houses WRGW, the campus radio station, TV studios, offices, and the Dimock Gallery which offers a continuous and varied schedule of professional student art exhibitions.

Directions:
Proceed southward on 21st Street toward G Street.

On your right, immediately after Lisner Auditorium is the Counseling Center (Building N). Among its many services, the Center provides professional assistance with vocational, personal, and social problems through short-term individual or group counseling and psychotherapy.

Across 21st Street and on your left are Samson Hall (administration and forensic sciences) and Corcoran Hall (chemistry and physics classrooms and laboratories).

Continuing on 21st Street and next to the Counseling Center, you will see the recently restored Alumni House (c. 1830), administrative center for alumni affairs, and then the Hall of Government, location of the School of Government and Business Administration. Next to the Hall of Government on the north side of G Street is Monroe Hall, a classroom building with language laboratories and the Dean's Office for the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences.

8. 21ST AND G STREETS

On the corner across from the Hall of Government is Strong Hall, a residence hall for 128 women. Singles, doubles, and triples are available for undergraduates. Strong features a rooftop sun deck and lounge area and air conditioning.

Also located at this intersection is Quigley's, for many years a campus hangout, which now houses the departments of geography and Latin American studies.

Directions:
Proceed across 21st Street and along G Street toward 20th. On your left is historic Woodhull House, in the Italianate villa style, where the Career Services Office (assistance in permanent and part-time job placement) and the Campus Security Center are located. Proceeding toward 20th Street, you will see on your left Bell Hall (biology), Lisner Hall (Center for Academic and Administrative Computing), Stuart Hall (classrooms, offices, art studios), and Building E, the College of General Studies (University extension programs). On your right are Victorian and modern buildings housing national fraternities and Building H which contains classrooms for the art department.

Cross G Street and proceed southward on 20th toward F Street.

9. 20TH AND F STREETS

On your right is Francis Scott Key Hall, housing 175 junior and senior men and women. The living units here are basically furnished efficiency apartments with private baths and kitchens. Key Hall is approximately two blocks from the Department of State, reached by continuing southward on 20th Street.

Directions:
Proceed across F Street, cross 20th, and continue east on F Street toward 19th, passing the National Association of Life Underwriters and the Embassy of Uruguay, and reaching Thurston Hall.

10. THURSTON HALL

Thurston is the main residence hall for freshmen, occupied by nearly 900 men and women; upperclassmen are also housed here. Room arrangements include rooms for two, three, and four persons, and suites for six, all with private baths and telephones. Thurston is air conditioned and contains one of the University's three cafeterias. Immediately behind Thurston is Mitchell Hall for sophomore through senior men and women. Single rooms only are available.

Facing east toward 19th Street and looking down F, you will see on your right the General Services Administration, on your left the Organization of American States (a modern brick building), and at the end of F Street, the Old Executive Office Building which is immediately adjacent to the White House. The site under construction across from Thurston Hall will be occupied by the World Bank.

Directions:
Retrace your steps to 20th and F, cross 20th, then F, and proceed northward on 20th toward H Street. On your right you will see the mid-nineteenth century F Street Club whose members are nationally and internationally prominent men and women.

Between G and H on 20th, you will note on your left the Burns Law Library, the National Law Center (Stockton Hall), and Bacon Hall which houses additional Law Center offices and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. On your right is the International Monetary Fund.

At the corner of 20th and H Streets, the very large modern gray building is the Thomas Edison Building. Owned by GW, it is leased to the Potomac Electric and Power Company.

Cross H Street at 20th and proceed west on H toward 21st Street. On your left you will see the University Yard; on your right is Building S which contains the Fellowship Information Center (information on graduate programs throughout the country) and the music department (in temporary headquarters pending completion of the Academic Cluster). Building CC, at the corner of 21st and H, is the center for the School of Public and International Affairs.

Cross 21st Street, proceed on 21st Street toward Eye and, taking the steps to your left, enter the ground floor of the Marvin Center (passing "Welded Stainless Steel Sculpture" by Rudolph A. Heintze, BA '64).

11. THE MARVIN CENTER

Named for Cloyd Heck Marvin, a former president of the University, the Marvin Center provides a wide variety of services for all members of the University community and hosts many of the extracurricular programs and activities on campus.

Ground Floor:	Bookstore, information desk, Polyphony Record Shop, study lounge, shower facilities, travel office, vending area
First Floor:	A la carte cafeteria, Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre
Second Floor:	Cafeteria, administration, Marvin Center Governing Board, typing room
Third Floor:	Art gallery, ballroom, Faculty Club
Fourth Floor:	GWU Student Association, student organization offices, Student Activities Office, publications offices, meeting and conference rooms
Fifth Floor:	Rathskeller, game rooms, bowling alley

Directions:
Leave the Marvin Center at the first floor and go down the ramp, turning left at the bottom of the ramp. The first building on your left is Calhoun Hall, a residence for 150 undergraduate men, which has doubles, triples, and suites for four.

Cross Eye Street at 21st. You will see at this intersection the Henry Building, owned by GW and occupied by the National Academy of Sciences. Walking west on Eye Street, you will return to Rice Hall.

We hope you have enjoyed your tour. If you would like further information about the University, an appointment for a guided tour, a freshman group information session, or an individual transfer interview, please stop at the Admissions Office or call us at (202) 676-6040.

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